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EXPANDABLE SUPPORTIVE BRANCHED ENDOLUMINAL GRAFTS, the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto.

☒ was filed on September 5, 2000 as reissue application number 09/657,041 including the Terminal Disclaimer Filed on October 1, 2003, and such specification was amended on October 1, 2003, June 8, 2004, July 12, 2006, and October 23, 2006.

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above-identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

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Issued claim 1 recited "a trunk liner . . . having a generally cylindrical upper body portion, at least two leg portions, and a generally cylindrical lower body portion. . . ." Claim 1 is unduly narrow, in that claim 1 should instead recite "a trunk liner . . . having a generally cylindrical body portion and two leg portions. . . ."

Issued claim 25 recited a "method for making a multi-component bifurcating expandable supportive endoluminal graft, comprising the steps of . . . inserting [a] seamed liner . . . ; [and] inflating the seamed liner. Claim 25 is unduly narrow, in that the specification teaches simply a method of forming a supporting component comprising the steps of forming a support component and crimping at least a portion to provide a multiple lumen portion, as recited in claim 31.

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